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Grandview Newsletter

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Spring has sprung!

Greetings from northern Grandview, where the thaw is slow but steady.

We are busily digging out soccer shoes, pumping up bike tires, purchasing seeds for plants that have no business growing here (cantaloupe, anyone?) and doing our best to ignore the remaining snow. It's been a loooooong winter and we deserve a great spring.

Now if you'll excuse me, I'm very busy. That Frisbee won't throw itself.

Lori Betke, Newsletter

Save the Date!

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Casino coming: please sign up!

Egad: it's already two years later—time for the Grandview Heights Casino!

Call for volunteers on page 9. Please consider signing up for one or more shifts.



*Just kidding, of course.
April Fools!



Did you know?

Hosting a birthday party, anniversary, or reception? If you're a Grandview community member, you can rent the Community Hall! Contact Gabriela for details: hallrentals@grandviewcommunity.ca

Newsletter, web, or Facebook?

Not sure where to post your notice?

Check out the [Grandview website](#) to read more about newsletter submissions, and what works best on Facebook or the website.

Slow down: playground zone!

And... presto! The school zone on 63 ave is now a playground zone. Be sure to slow down to 30 km between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

To find out more about these zones, visit the [City of Edmonton webpage](#).



Message from TELUS

Thank you for your patience this past season during our TELUS Fibre construction. We are indoors until the ground thaws and will be back to continue construction and complete remediation and final touches on residential property where our work was completed.

For more information about the TELUS PureFibre network, please visit our [FAQ](#).

Thank you!
Stacey Harris Regional Market Manager
TELUS Mobile [587-785-4837](tel:587-785-4837)

Crime Report

Grandview continues to experience occasional surges of criminal activity, generally break-ins and property theft.

To reduce your risk, consider moving bikes and cars into your garage and install motion detectors around entranceways. Visit the Edmonton [crime map](#) to learn more about crime in our neighborhood.



President's Message

Anish Neupane

Dear Neighbours,

Welcome to spring. That said, I see snowflakes floating ever so gently to the ground as I write this. But with any luck we will be well into spring weather soon. So until then get into your snow gear and, as my kids say, "let's play with it": snow forts, snowmen, snowballs, and snow angels.

We've had some changes to the community league board. Nicholas Lee and Satty Dhillon have stepped down from their respective roles as Treasurer and Social director. Norah Lee is the new Treasurer. We also welcomed Jim Schmidt as a board member at large. Thank you Nick and Satty for your contributions and welcome Norah and Jim to the board.

Our most immediate project is completion of the tennis courts project, begun last fall. While we are appreciative of the grant provided by the City of Edmonton towards the project, we have had significant learnings from that process and other interactions in accessing City services. Grandview, as represented by our past president, Lori Kraus, was invited by Councillor Walters to present to the City Council's Community and Public Services Committee Meeting in November 2017 about our experiences—the grant and project approval process creates huge delays and is not user friendly in its current state. Lori has been asked to participate in providing feedback to improve the process community leagues need to go through to obtain approval for community projects and grants. Thank you Lori for advocating on our behalf.

With wishes for a pleasant spring!

Park Bench e-Newsletter

The City of Edmonton publishes a monthly e-newsletter intended to provide residents with information about city neighborhoods.

Interested in subscribing? Visit the [Park Bench webpage](#) to learn more.



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Keeping our Waste Management Strategy Bold

Michael Walters, City Councillor Ward 10

Edmonton has always prided itself on being a leader in waste management and we treat waste as a valuable resource, with more than 50 percent of household waste being diverted from the landfill. We are continually researching new technologies and processes to improve our operations to conserve natural resources, reduce greenhouse gas production and create additional revenue from compost, recyclables, and biofuels.

Recently, the Edmonton Waste Services Audit was released and unfortunately, the news is not good. It revealed problems with current operations and prompted discussion of a new strategy for Edmonton's waste management system. However, improving Edmonton's residential waste diversion will depend on the use of innovative technology, operational changes, and continued participation from all Edmontonians.

One thing you can do to help in the meantime is to go bagless in the summer. Nearly half of all waste collected from Edmonton households in the summer is grass—almost 50,000 tonnes—and this needs to be trucked far away for composting. Going bagless has proven to be healthier for lawns by preserving moisture and nutrients while also being better for the environment.

Waste services and operations are currently exploring options for altering curb side collection pick up schedules for grass clippings and yard waste by September. The City is also preparing to engage citizens in source separation, which means having separate collections of food scraps and organics. In Canada, 40 percent—or \$31

billion—of all food produced is thrown out, globally this is \$990 Billion USD. While reducing waste is ideal, composting creates valuable, nutrient-rich soil. Source separation will also result in higher quality, more marketable compost and leave drier, more usable material for our Biofuels facility. Neither of these programs is final, and we are discussing this until the report comes to Council in June.

In addition, I am committed to working with the private sector to improve our commercial and institutional waste management programs. By decentralizing composting facilities into smaller community composters, exploring local processing of recycled material, and reevaluating how we work and serve commercial businesses, we can improve efficiency and help get private waste haulers to collect into our diversion stream.

We must not lose our nerve because of past setbacks. This new phase of waste management will take some time to implement and get used to, but I know if we continue to work with the public and our stakeholders, we will be able to reach our original target of diverting 90 percent of waste out of our landfills, creating a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable city for future generations.



Credit: aminoapps.com

Notes from Grandview Heights School

Grandview Heights Student Council

It has been an eventful and busy past few months for Grandview Heights Students! Students have not only been hard at work learning in the classroom, but they have been developing their skills and expanding their knowledge in a number of areas, including philanthropy, the arts, leadership, innovation and community-building.

As a part of their ethics curriculum, grade eight Ethics students are starting their own philanthropy projects to help raise awareness and support issues that matter to them. Some students are collecting clothing donations to support families in need; come support them!

This past December, Grandview Heights' student council organized a food drive in order to support families in need during the Holiday season. As a school we were able to donate 730 kg of food to the Edmonton food bank!

Junior high band students continue to show excellence in their instruments, with the grade seven and eight bands receiving a superior ranking!

With the goal of strengthening our school community, Grandview Heights introduced the "Cougar Buddy" program. The program pairs every junior high student with an elementary student to mentor and befriend. Cougar buddies even meet up every few months to participate in fun filled activities together. Last November Cougar Buddies designed their own moustaches together as a part of our school's "Movember" activities. It was fun for everyone!

Grade nine students and grade eight computer students embarked on twelve-week 20 Time projects, where they learned and created something of their choice. Students learned so many skills along the way and the final products were creative and impressive!

Grandview Heights students continue to work towards becoming better learners, leaders, and citizens!

Easter egg brownie recipe

Bbcgoodfood.com



185g unsalted butter
 185g best dark chocolate
 3 large eggs
 275g golden caster sugar
 85g plain flour
 40g cocoa powder
 5 Cadbury cream eggs
 150g mini eggs

Heat oven to 350°F

1. Melt the butter and chocolate
2. Grease a 20cm square pan
3. Mix the eggs and sugar until creamy (5 min)
4. Pour the cooled chocolate over the egg mix and stir to combine. Mix in the flour and cocoa powder.
5. Pour the mix into the prepared pan and bake for 20 minutes
6. Once the brownie has cooled, press in the cream eggs and scatter with half the mini eggs. Return to oven for 5 minutes.
7. Let cool. Scatter with remaining mini eggs
8. Chill for 1 hour then serve!

Community happenings

Rink Party: February 25

A great time was had by all at the EFCL hosted Rink Party, held Sunday, February 25. Balmy weather and superb ice ensured that skaters enjoyed themselves. Games, hotdogs, and hot chocolate for all! Thanks again to the hard working Rink Crew!



Photo credit: Christian Chow



Remembering Tommy Banks

Tommy Banks—a celebrated musician, former senator, and longtime Grandview resident—passed away on January 25, 2018.

Mr. Banks was a recipient of the Order of Canada, the Alberta Order of Excellence, and many other awards and distinctions. Here’s a [look back](#) at one of his performances (a 2011 concert at CapitalCare Grandview).

Read more about his extraordinary life [here](#).



[Photo credit: Edmonton Journal](#)

Here comes soccer!

Outdoor soccer season is just around the corner! Keep your eyes on the [EMSA site](#) for the league schedule.



Pick up & Chow Down

Plan to attend the annual Pick Up, Chow Down event happening Sunday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Community Centre to collect bags & gloves, and then head out into the neighborhood! Prizes for weird items, gold bricks, and more!

Brunch afterwards – bring your appetite!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:

Contact todd.shipman@gmail.com if you can help!



2018 Grandview
PICK UP CHOW DOWN
Annual Community Clean-Up and Brunch

Bring the whole family to help clean up our neighbourhood, then join us for a community brunch!

Meet at the Community Centre at 10 am, clean around the neighborhood till 11 or so and then back to the Community Centre for brunch.

Prizes will be awarded for "Best of" categories

There will be a large bin in the Grandview School parking lot for all to use. Everything will be supplied, just bring yourselves.

Sunday, May 6 | 10 am - noon

For 2018
Gold Brick Scavenger Hunt is back. Bigger & Better then ever!



CapitalCare Grandview
 Auxiliary Association

Bridge Party
Tuesday
April 24th, 2018

11:30 - 4:00 PM
 Doors open at 11:30 AM
 Light lunch 11:45 - 12:45 PM
 Bridge 12:45 - 3:30 PM

LOCATION
 Dayspring Presbyterian Church
 11445 - 40 Ave

Please contact
 Claire Moss at **780-437-7015**
 to purchase tickets

Thank You for Supporting the
 Residents of CapitalCare Grandview

TICKETS \$30.00 EA

Infill Update

Myron Nebozuk, Civics Director

On the subject of new infill development, the community league joined the City in opposition to an infill home that required a couple of significant variances last fall. In other words, the submission to the City was colouring outside the lines. This project was eventually heard at the Subdivision Development Appeal Board. We lost. One of the consequences of this process is that the Community League will implement a more robust process when future submissions colour outside of the lines. The Community League board will endeavour to contact nearby home owners as soon as the City appries us of a submission. By sharing information and jointly developing a response strategy, we may be in a better position to respond to incoming infill proposals. This process may also lessen a problem that we encountered with this specific project, that being the receipt of partial information. The Community League received some information and an adjacent home owner received other, slightly different information. Together, there might have been enough to provide informed analysis and commentary. I've said it before and I will say it again: the City needs to provide more and better information, sooner.

Our other significant lesson occurred at the SDAB hearing. Although several residents provided thoughtful and passionate commentary at the hearing, the board essentially ignored our submission and ruled strictly on points pertaining to the relaxation of variances. One of the community concerns discussed that day was the shadow cast onto the adjacent home by the proposed infill, a shadow that will be a permanent presence for four months each year. As an architect, I am astounded; every profession has its version of the Hippocratic/ Do No Harm oath. The shadow represents harm and the board should have considered this point. Looking at the composition of the current SDAB board, the vast majority is composed of lawyers. I understand that they were working within the parameters of their commission but the denial of shadow casting as a legitimate concern seems like a dereliction of duty, individually and as a board. In the coming weeks and months, I will be speaking with City officials and politicians to expand this board's operating parameters. I urge you to also make your concerns known; everyone of us is potentially one infill away from a new house that may reduce your access to natural light for a portion of each year.



Got Art?

Is there a budding artist or writer in your household? Send your works of art to grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com. We'll do our best to feature them in our newsletter, on Facebook, or on the website!

Watercolour by Evelyn, age 7

Grandview Heights Casino 2018: Slots Available!



What: Casino fundraiser
 Where: Starlight Casino (WEM)
 When: Thursday September 6
 Friday September 7

Why: **\$80,000** for our community

Please note revised volunteer hours, casinos now open longer:

Day Shift: 9.00 AM – 6.30 PM
 Evening Shift: 6.30 PM – 3.30 AM
 Count Room: 11.00 PM – 3.30 AM

Roles: General Manager, Bankers, Cashiers, Chip Runners, Count Room & Back-ups (Day & Evening)

Email or call Phillip Butterfield with the following:

1. Your 1st & 2nd preferred date and time
2. Preferred role
3. If you can be flexible
4. Name & phone (home/bus.), cell phone and e-mail

Phil's contact info: 780 439 0837/780 221 6679 shoe phone/text or unibb@telus.net

He will contact you to confirm date, time & position.

Thanks !



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